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Seeking Teachers for Summer Work in Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Brecksville, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is seeking qualified teachers who would like to work this summer in the Teacher to Ranger to Teacher (TRT) program. This National Park Service (NPS) program links national park units with teachers from predominantly Title 1 school districts.

Under TRT, selected teachers spend eight weeks in the summer working as park rangers. They perform various duties depending on their interests and the needs of the park, including developing and presenting interpretive programs for the general public, staffing the visitor center desk, developing curriculum-based materials for the park, or taking on special projects. Teachers have the opportunity to earn graduate credit for the experience.

During the school year, these Teacher Rangers bring the parks into the classroom by developing and presenting curriculum-based lesson plans that draw on their summer's experience. In April, during National Park Week, Teacher Rangers wear their uniforms to school, discuss their summer as a park ranger, and engage students and other teachers in activities that relate to America's national parks.

This is the sixth year for CVNP staff to include Teacher Rangers. "I can't begin to explain how much this experience meant to me. It was incredibly rewarding both personally and professionally," said Shannon Bothel, who teaches at Eastlake Middle School. After her TRT experience, Shannon organized a trip for the entire sixth grade to spend a day exploring the park's Ritchie Ledges last October. This was a first-time experience in our national park for the majority of students.

For more information, application, and job description call Pamela Barnes at 330-657-2796 ext. 113 or visit www.nps.gov/cuva/forteachers/teacher-ranger-teacher-program. The deadline to apply is March 30, 2013.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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